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# Media Advisory

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## **Caltrans, Amtrak To Celebrate Restored LA Union Station Tracks, Platform**

**WHO:** Caltrans Division of Rail, Amtrak, Southern California Regional Rail Authority and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**WHAT:** Celebrate the opening of three new tracks and a platform to serve Amtrak and Metrolink passengers at Los Angeles Union Station

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Los Angeles Union Station, 800 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (Near the new platform 7, adjacent to track 15)

**WHY:** The three new tracks and platform, that were removed more than 35 years ago, were reestablished to serve the increasing train travel demand, which today surpasses that of World War II.

The new track construction, which was managed by Metrolink, began in May 2011 and was complete in September 2012. The \$24.8 million project was funded with \$21.8 million in Proposition 1B, \$2,656,000 in federal funds and \$344,000 in local funds.

**MORE:** Speakers will include Master of Ceremonies, Arthur T. Leahy, Metro Chief Executive Officer, Jonathan Hutchison, Senior Director, Corridor Development, Amtrak, Gray Crary, Chief Strategic Officer Metrolink, William D. Bronte, Chief, Caltrans Division of Rail

**Note:** Possible photo opportunity will be available trackside as a Pacific Surfliner train breaks a ceremonial banner as it arrives into the station

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